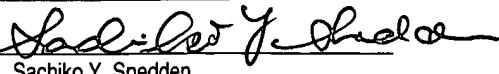


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APPLICATION

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Filed: March 16, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS
HAVING AN INCREASED TOLERANCE
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ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED SALT
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).

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This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please enter do not enter the Amendment filed September 30, 2003
2. The enclosed new Amendment
3. Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed ___ and reply brief filed
4. The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 - IDS Letter Cited Appln Foreign Search Report/OA
 - PTO-1449 Cited Documents
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Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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